(b) Six private airlines have been issued Air Taxi Operators Permit and 18 applicants have been issued 'No Objection' for issue of Air Taxi Permit.

(c) The air taxis are free to operate to all airports open to operation of scheduled air services.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

CONSTRUCTION OF SHED ON PLATFORM OF BILPUR STATION

1068. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH :Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a shed on platform No. 1 at Bilpur railway station;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Sheds at stations are provided as per norms, based on the volume of traffic dealt with. Since the volume of traffic dealt with at Bilpur is meagre, provision of sheds is not justified.

[*English*]

CONVERSION OF CALICUT AIRPORT AS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1069. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any plans to convert Calicut Airport as a Customs Airport so as to enable international services to be operated from there; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

ALLOTMENT OF PETROL/DIESEL OUTLETS AND LPG AGENCIES

1070. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the policy of the Government for allotting new petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies;

(b) the number of LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets allotted to the educated unemployed, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during last three years in Rajasthan;

(c) the number of distributorships proposed to be allotted in the current year; and

(d) the names of the districts in Rajasthan where such allotments are likely to be made ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) New petrol/diesel outlets and LPG dealerships are based on factors including volume/distance norms, population of towns, marketing plan and eligibility criteria for candidates etc.

(b) 9 LPG distributorships and 15 petrol/diesel retail oulet dealerships.

(c) and (d) LPG distributorships and petrol/diesel retail outlet dealerships are opened in different cities as per marketing plans and policy in force from time to time.